

## PROPOSE 16-INCH GUNS FOR UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

Ordnance Experts Now at Work on  
Designs for Huge Field  
Howitzers.

Army ordnance experts are at work on designs for huge field howitzers, as large or larger than the German 42-centimeter guns which wrecked Belgian and French forts early in the war. They will be at least sixteen-inch caliber, with a range of twelve to fifteen miles, hurling a projectile weighing more than a ton and carrying a huge amount of high explosive.

### May Form Special Regiment.

In addition to placing several of these mammoth weapons along the coast lines for mobile defense against naval attack, army officials are considering the creation of a special regiment, equipped with six of the howitzers, to work as a unit of the mobile army. The problem confronting the designers in that regard is to distribute the enormous weight of the gun and carriage in such a way that it can be moved over any good road.

That difficulty is a determining factor in American heavy artillery designs. About a few of the largest cities well ballasted roads which would support the weight of the huge guns can be found, but even such a highway as the Boston post road, from Boston to New York, it is said, has many sections so lightly built that the great weight would crush through.

### Under the General Staff.

For those reasons it is planned to build the new howitzers primarily for transportation by rail on special cars. The regiment would not be attached to any army corps, as is the case with lighter artillery, but would be directly under the orders of the general staff to be sent to a point where it was desired to blast a way through an enemy's field works.

It is believed possible, however, that the weight can be so distributed on several carriages drawn by motor tractors that it could be dragged over any fairly well ballasted highway.

### USE OF WORD RESTRICTED.

Order by Trade Commission to "Circle Cilk" Company.

The federal trade commission has issued an order directing the Circle Cilk Company of Philadelphia to discontinue using the word "cilk" in reference to any of its products other than real silk in connection with sales, trade marks and advertising matter. The commission held that the use of the word "cilk" for products made of mercerized Sea Island cotton thread was deceptive to many persons in trade and to the public generally. The decision is based upon a precedent.

A similar complaint against Goldin Brothers of New York using the term "sewing silk" for mercerized cotton thread, was dismissed, as the company had discontinued the practice.

## GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LUMBERMEN CONFER

Immediate Passage of Webb Bill, to  
Allow Business Combinations  
for Foreign Trade, Urged.

Results of an important conference held Friday at Chicago between representatives of the federal trade commission, the forest service, the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the Department of Commerce and some of the most prominent lumbermen of the country have been announced at the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

It was learned that one of these results will be the urging of the immediate passage of the Webb bill, now pending in Congress, to remove any question of the legality of the organization by lumber manufacturers and other groups of business men of foreign sales agencies to secure and distribute orders for American goods to be sent to foreign countries.

The government will co-operate with the lumber manufacturers in sending abroad experts to study the condition of European lumber markets with a view to a great expansion of the field of the American producer.

Detailed reports on the denuded condition of the forests of the warring countries of Europe were made, and it was declared that to secure the lumber business of these countries it is only necessary for the American lumbermen to go after the trade systematically, with an advance knowledge of the needs of the various nations and the securing of information as to markets and business practices.

The government was represented at the conference by two members of the federal trade commission, Commissioners W. H. Parry and Joseph E. Davies; by the head of the forest service, H. S. Graves; and by the chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, Dr. E. E. Pratt. Dr. Wilson Compton, economist to the trade commission, also was present in an advisory capacity.

### CHILD SWALLOWS POISON.

Two-Year-Old John S. Litchfield Will  
Probably Recover.

John S. Litchfield, two years old, of 619 Morris street northeast, is in a critical condition at Casualty Hospital from the effects of poison which he took yesterday at home. While his mother was at work in another part of the house the child stood upon a chair, took the bottle of poison from a shelf and swallowed six of the tablets he found in it, not knowing them to be harmful.

Afterward the boy toddled to where his mother was working and complained of pains in his stomach. A few minutes later he was in convulsions. Mrs. Litchfield called for assistance, and the ambulance from Casualty Hospital, in the charge of Dr. Herbert H. Warner, resident physician, responded. It was stated at the hospital last night that the child had returned home and would probably recover.

Col. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Parker of Richmond, Va., have eleven children, and the shortest son in the lot is six feet four inches tall.

## AMERICANS ARE URGED TO CONSERVE INDUSTRY

Campaign of Education Launched by  
National Association of  
Manufacturers.

The National Association of Manufacturers is sending to members of the Chamber of Commerce of Washington, as well as to other civic bodies throughout the country, miniature posters which have for their object the stimulation of public interest in "the conservation of American industry," with offers to supply the posters in their large form to factories, shops, offices, etc.

Some of the placards contain such mottoes as "An Ounce of Co-operation Is Worth a Ton of Argument," "The Conservation of Industry Means Doing Everything to Help the Business That Gives Men Work to Do"; a quotation from Thomas Carlyle: "Men Who Work With the Hands and Those Who Find Work for Hands to Do Should Feel That the Ties That Bind Them Together Are Stronger Than Temporary Day Wages"; a quotation from Elbert Hubbard: "When You Attack Men Who Maintain Pay Rolls You Hit the Wage Earner, Kick His Wife and Cuff His Children"; "Get Busy and Help Take the 'Dust' Out of Industry"; "The United States is the Only Nation in the World Which Persecutes Business—It Passes Laws Preventing Merchants and Manufacturers from Keeping Pace With the Economic Development of Other Nations."

### Protection for Honest Business.

In a letter signed by George Pope, the Hartford, Conn., manufacturer, who is president of the National Association of Manufacturers, accompanying the offer of the placards, which are being furnished free by the association, it is said:

"This movement has been undertaken by our association in an effort to protect the honest business of the country from unwarranted attacks to which it has been subjected in the past by the press, public speakers, etc., and also to prevent, if possible, the passage of further unjust and discriminatory laws which harass the present-day business man and, in many cases, make it almost impossible for him to do business."

With the letter offering the placards is inclosed a copy of "Industrial Conservation," a new publication to be distributed to the public free, which tells of some of the present-day difficulties of capital and employers.

### Hope to Extend Sisal Probe.

Owing to recent increases in the price of Yucatan sisal, a request has been made of the State Department by the senate committee investigating the sisal monopoly that it request the Mexican government to investigate into the situation with a view to relieving American users of binder twine made from sisal. A request has been made to the federal trade commission also to ascertain certain facts in regard to the industry.

## DISTRICT REPRESENTED IN W. R. C. CONVENTION

Delegates and Others of Local Organizations at Kansas City.  
Lincoln Corps Election.

The Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., is to be represented at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Kansas City, Mo., this week by the past national senior vice president, Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, chairwoman of the committee on Andersonville Stockade Park; Miss Moore Elizabeth Buckles, a delegate and platform aid; Mrs. Marion Smith, a delegate, and Mrs. Rose Rutledge of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. Miss Lucy Kellerhouse of the forest service is to accompany Mrs. Ball to Kansas City.

Lincoln Relief Corps, No. 6, auxiliary to Lincoln Post of the Department of the Potomac, recently suffered the loss of its president, Mrs. Georgiana Evans, by death, necessitating an almost entire change of the official staff. The results of a recent election follow: President, Mrs. Nellie Baxter; senior vice president, Mrs. Mary Bowen; junior vice president, Mrs. Addie Hickman; chaplain, Mrs. Messier; guard, Mrs. McLaughlin; conductor, Mrs. Annie Layton; assistant conductor, Mrs. Fannie Evans; and patriotic instructor, Mrs. Lue S. Hadley. Appointed to the position of colorbearers: Mrs. Mary Bon, chaplain, Mrs. J. A. Carter; to the position of secretary, Miss M. E. Buckles; and to the position of treasurer, Mrs. Marian M. Lewis. Installation of officers took place at a recent meeting. Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, past senior vice president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and a member of the Lincoln Corps, is planning to present Lincoln Post with a new silk post flag in September. The corps has endorsed the proposition to erect a memorial to Clara Barton, founder of the American National Red Cross.

### INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.

Official Action of Commander W. P. Cronan, U. S. N., Under Scrutiny.

An investigation is in progress by Capt. William R. Shoemaker, U. S. N., of the circumstances surrounding the alleged action of Commander William P. Cronan, commanding the United States supply ship Supply at Guam, in having relieved his senior, Capt. William J. Maxwell of his duties as governor of the island without proper authority and causing his return to the United States. Capt. Maxwell now is on duty at the Naval War College and Commander Cronan is with his ship at Guam. Capt. Shoemaker has completed his inquiries at this end of the line and will sail from San Francisco September 5 for Guam to continue them. Capt. Maxwell, who has been under medical treatment, now is reported to be entirely recovered. He made formal complaint to the department. It is understood, of the alleged arbitrary and unauthorized action of Commander Cronan.

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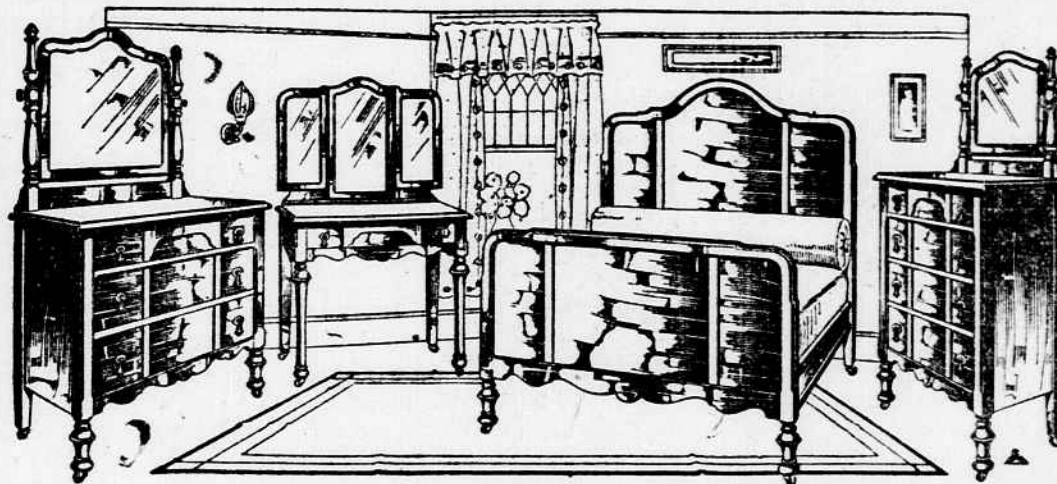
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The design is a pattern of the William and Mary period, in either mahogany finish or American walnut. The illustration shown is an exact reproduction drawn with the utmost care from a factory blue print by skilled artists. You can see exactly how this suite will appear in your bedroom.

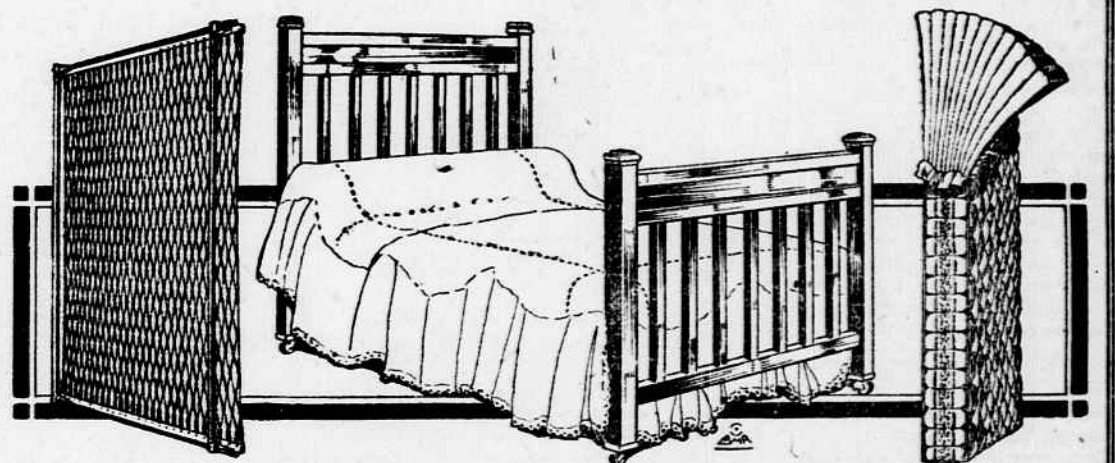
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**\$97.50**

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**\$27.50**

An all-metal bed of this design in either circassian walnut or mahogany finish. An all-felt mattress of the regular \$15 quality. An all-metal link spring that will give long service. At their regular selling prices the combined value of this outfit is \$44.00.



### Dining Room Suite

A full colonial design, in beautifully polished, hand-rubbed mahogany finish.

The Buffet has a 52-inch top; mirror of beveled French plate, 12x42 inches; one very large and three smaller drawers; spacious linen and wine compartments.

Reduced From \$60.00 to  
**\$45.00**

The China Case is very large, with rounded glass in sides, and the full swell front.

Reduced From \$45.00 to  
**\$34.50**

The table has 48-inch top, extending to six feet; with massive pedestal and base.

Reduced From \$52.50 to  
**\$40.00**

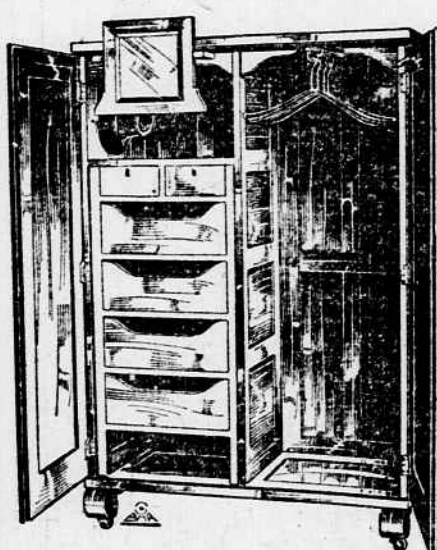
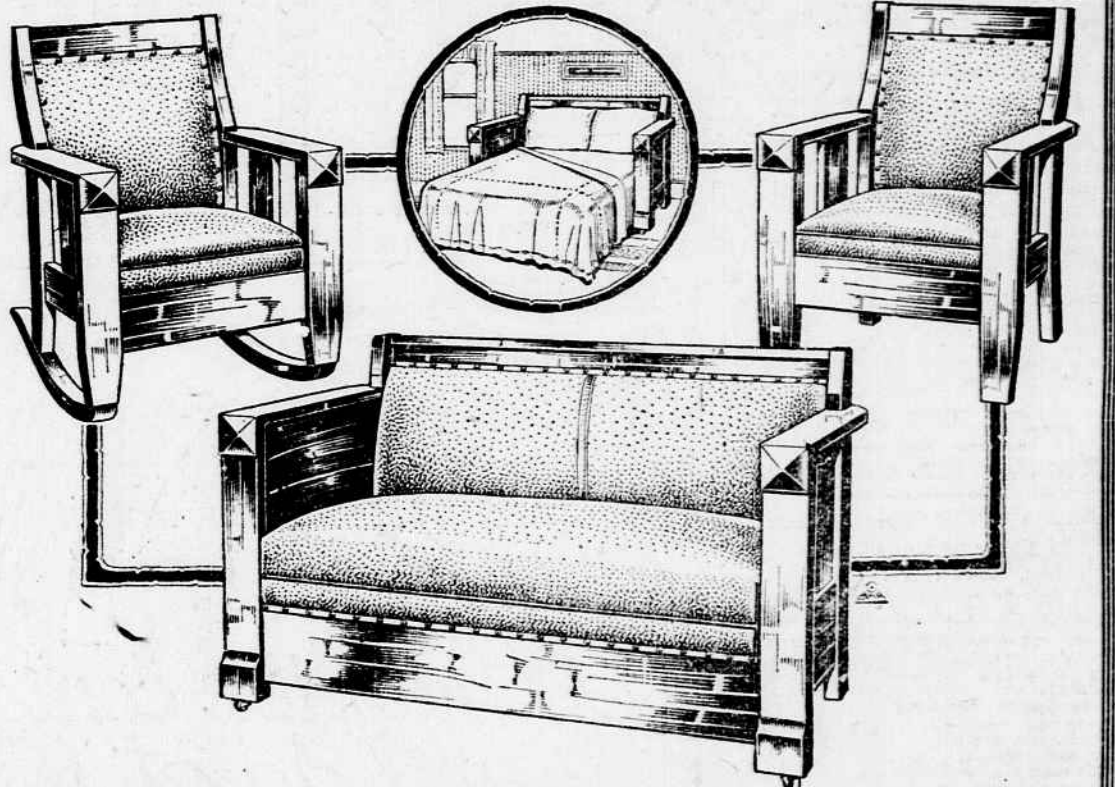
### Two Duofold Suites

We are offering very special bargains in these two 3-piece Suites; one in fumed oak and the other in mahogany finish. Both are upholstered with durable Spanish imitation leather.

The Duofold is the ideal sofa by day and bed by night. The frame is carefully and solidly constructed. The upholstery is a fine quality of imitation leather. It is fitted with a soft, comfortable mattress. The springs in the seat are of steel crimped wires running lengthwise and crosswise, fastened to hardwood frames on ends with helicals, making elastic support for upholstery springs interceded into these wires. The back is full spring with tough wood fiber and cotton filling. One slight turn on lever automatically releases and partly opens the bed frame for unfolding.

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Window Shades of stock size, in all colors—the regular 50c quality.

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August Reduction From \$42.50 to

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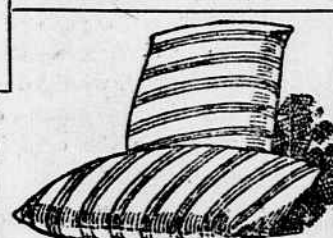
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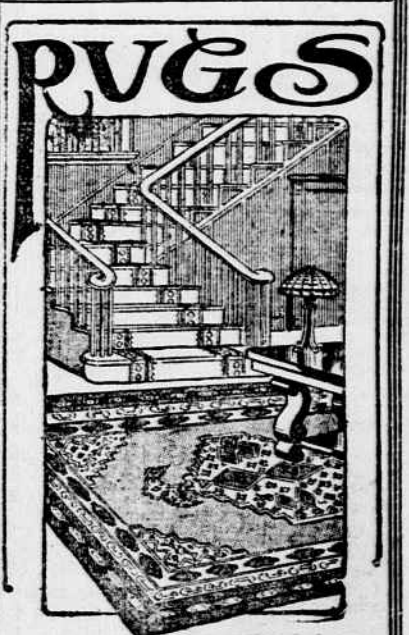
We have a great many styles of baby vehicles here at the lowest prices—strollers, gigs, sidewalk suitcases, perambulators, Pullman sleepers and all kinds of go-carts.

August Sale Prices  
**\$1.75 to \$40**



Pillows, covered with heavy Amoskeag ticking; soft feathers; 18x27 inches; reduced from \$1.50 to

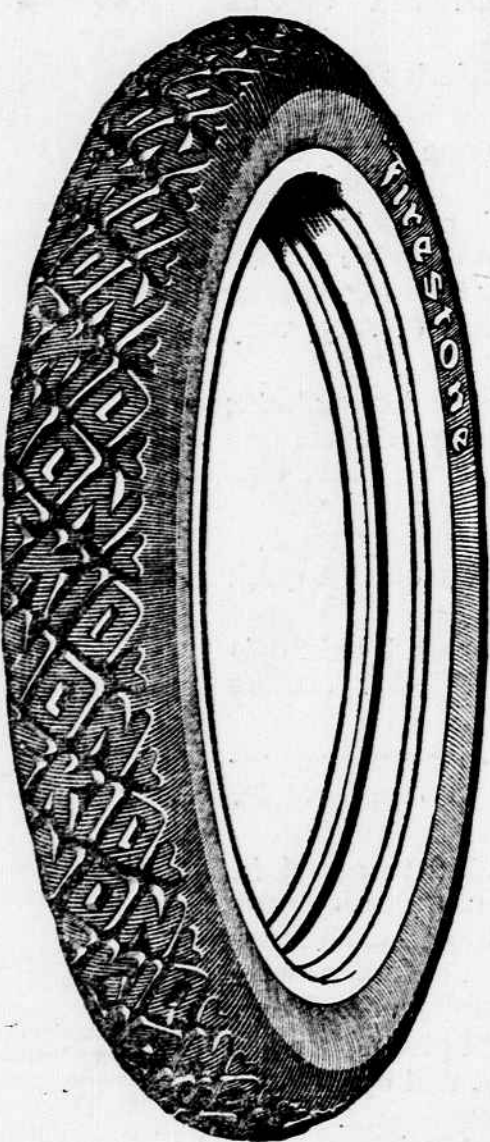
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Our August Sale prices are very low on all styles of floor coverings—an idea of the bargains may be gained from the following specials in rugs:

\$2.00 Tapestry, 27x54 in. **\$1.25**  
Now  
\$2.00 Axminster, 27x54 in. **\$2.25**  
Now  
\$6.00 Axminster, 36x72 in. **\$4.50**  
Now  
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